Public Law 99-187
99th Congress

An Act

To amend the Act of October 15, 1982, entitled "An Act to designate the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House in Washington, District of Columbia, as a national historic site, and for other purposes".

Dec. 18, 1985
[S. 1116]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. BETHUNE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES.

(a) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—Section 3 of the Act of October 15, 1982, entitled "An Act to designate the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House in Washington, District of Columbia, as a national historic site, and for other purposes" (96 Stat. 1615; 16 U.S.C. 461 note), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. In furtherance of the purposes of this Act and the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461-7), the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to enter into cooperative agreements with the Bethune Museum and Archives. Such agreements may include provisions by which the Secretary will provide technical assistance to mark, restore, interpret, operate, and maintain the historic site and may also include provisions by which the Secretary will provide financial assistance to mark, interpret, and restore the historic site. Such agreement may also contain provisions that— Historic preservation.

"(1) the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service, shall have right of access at all reasonable times to all public portions of the property covered by such agreement for the purpose of conducting visitors through such properties and interpreting them to the public; and

"(2) no changes or alterations shall be made in such properties except by mutual agreement between the Secretary and the other parties to such agreements.

No limitation or control of any kind over the use of such properties customarily used for the purposes of the Bethune Museum and Archives shall be imposed by any such agreement.".

(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 4 of such Act is amended by striking out "National Council of Negro Women" and inserting in lieu thereof "Bethune Museum and Archives".

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION.

Section 5 of the Act of October 15, 1982, entitled "An Act to designate the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House in Washington, District of Columbia, as a national historic site, and for other purposes" (96 Stat. 1615; 16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amended to read as follows:

"ASSISTANCE

"SEC. 5. (a) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—For purposes of carrying out the cooperative agreement under section 3, there is authorized to be appropriated for operation and maintenance of the historic site, not more than $100,000 for the fiscal year 1987, Appropriation authorization.

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$110,000 for the fiscal year 1988, and $120,000 for the fiscal year 1989.

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"(b) MATCHING GRANTS.—In addition to sums authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), there is authorized to be appropriated for purposes of making grants to the Bethune Museum and Archives for purposes of building repair and improvement and for protection of the archives not more than $300,000. Grants to the Bethune Museum and Archives under this subsection shall cover not more than 50 per centum of the costs of such building repair and improvement and archive protection. The remaining share shall be borne by the Bethune Museum and Archives with such non-Federal funds and documented services as are satisfactory to the Secretary. Sums authorized to be appropriated under this subsection shall remain available until expended.".

SEC. 3. DEFINITION.

96 Stat. 1615. 16 USC 461 note.

Such Act is further amended by adding the following new section at the end thereof:

"REFERENCE TO BETHUNE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

"SEC. 6. Any reference in this Act to the 'Bethune Museum and Archives' shall be treated as a reference to the Mary McLeod Bethune Museum of the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated.".

SEC. 4. COMPLIANCE WITH BUDGET ACT.

Effective date.

Any provision of this Act (or any amendment made by this Act) which directly or indirectly authorizes the enactment of new budget authority described in section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 shall be effective only after September 30, 1986.

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